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PROTEINS THAT NORMALIZE FOR  
ACCEPTOR CONCENTRATION (amended)

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Examiner: R Gitomer

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --  
EXAMINING GROUP 1651**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 15 April 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 15 July 2005. This response is filed within two months of the mailing date, and expedited procedure is requested.

Applicant is extremely grateful for the helpful discussion provided his undersigned representative by Examiner Gitomer in an interview on 25 May 2005. The suggestions made by Examiner Gitomer were most helpful, and applicant appreciates that the agreed-upon amendments to the claims appear to place them in a position for allowance.

Thus, careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.